



# News Release

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## **State revokes, suspends licenses, certifications, registrations of health care providers**

**OLYMPIA** — The Washington State Department of Health has revoked or suspended the licenses, certifications, or registrations of health care providers in our state. The department has also immediately suspended the credentials of people who have been prohibited from practicing in other states.

The department's Health Systems Quality Assurance Office works with boards, commissions and advisory committees to set licensing standards for more than 70 health care professions (e.g., medical doctors, nurses, counselors).

Information about health care providers is on the agency's website. Click on "Provider Credential Search" on the left hand side of the [Department of Health home page](http://www.doh.wa.gov) (www.doh.wa.gov). The site includes information about a health care provider's license status, the expiration and renewal date of their credential, disciplinary actions and copies of legal documents issued after July 1998. This information is also available by calling 360-236-4700. Consumers who think a health care provider acted unprofessionally are also encouraged to call and report their complaint.

### **Benton County**

In September of 2010 the Board of Pharmacy entered into an agreement with pharmacy assistant and pharmacy technician **Jennifer Ruth Morris** (VB00072781, VA60065585) under which her credentials are suspended for at least a year. Morris knew and failed to report that another pharmacy technician was selling a controlled substance for subsequent resale, obtained some for her own use, and was convicted in Benton County Superior Court of fourth-degree assault, a gross misdemeanor.

### **Chelan County**

In September of 2010 the Department of Health indefinitely suspended the registered nursing assistant credential of **Nicole R. Pargett** (NA60058437), who failed to comply with terms of an earlier agreement.

### **Clark County**

In August of 2010 the Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission indefinitely suspended the registered nursing credential of **Leslie Calvin Aldrich** (RN00118699), also known as Leslie D. Aldrich, Jeffrey Linn Campbell, Calvin Aldridge and L.C. Aldrich. He voluntarily relinquished his registered nurse license in Florida.

### **Grays Harbor County**

In August of 2010 the Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission indefinitely suspended the credential of registered nurse **Kriss T. Longworth** (RN00110656), who failed to comply with terms of an earlier order.

In September of 2010 the Medical Quality Assurance Commission indefinitely suspended the credential of physician **Henry J. Taylor III** (MD60020413). Taylor committed unprofessional conduct in treating a family member and in misusing prescription pads.

### **Island County**

In September of 2010 the Dental Quality Assurance Commission indefinitely suspended the credential of dental assistant **Donna Jeanne Shaffer** (D160140883), who failed to comply with terms of an earlier agreement.

### **King County**

In September of 2010 the Board of Pharmacy revoked the pharmacy assistant credential of **Jeff A. Wicks** (VB00064455). Wicks presented a forged pharmacy technician credential to get a job, and then lied to his employer and to an investigator about the discrepancy.

### **Kitsap County**

In August of 2010 the Nursing Assistant Program indefinitely suspended the credential of registered nursing assistant and certified nursing assistant **Matthew James Boston** (NA60113808, NC60110715), who failed to comply with terms of an earlier agreement.

### **Pierce County**

In September of 2010 the Department of Health suspended for at least two years the certified nursing assistant credential of **Tracy L. Douglass** (NC10079005). Douglass was convicted in Gig Harbor Municipal Court of third-degree theft, a gross misdemeanor, after admitting to taking medication from a patient and selling it.

In September of 2010 the Nursing Assistant Program entered into an agreed order with registered nursing assistant and certified nursing assistant **Sakara J. Carter** (NA60014448, NC60034032). Her credentials are suspended for at least five years. Carter was convicted in Pierce County Superior Court of unlawful delivery of a controlled substance – oxycontin, a Class B felony; unlawful possession of a controlled substance – oxycontin, a Class C felony; and unlawful possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver – methadone, a Class B felony.

In September of 2010 Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission suspended for at least two years the licensed practical nursing credential of **Erin E. Renn** (LP00040906), who failed to comply with terms of an earlier stipulation.

In September of 2010 the Board of Pharmacy revoked the pharmacy technician credential of **Chelsea L. Tallman** (VA00046871). Tallman forged prescriptions for controlled substances and legend drugs, took some herself and sold some to others, and was convicted in Pierce County Superior Court of unlawful solicitation to possess a controlled substance, a gross misdemeanor.

### **Skagit County**

In September of 2010 Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission indefinitely suspended the licensed practical nursing credential of **Terri L. Sitko** (LP00019376). Sitko came to work under the influence of alcohol.

### **Snohomish County**

In August of 2010 the Department of Health suspended for at least 42 months the certified nursing assistant and health care assistant credentials of **John A. Briggs IV** (NC10021641, HC00136813). Briggs was convicted in Snohomish County Superior Court of second-degree assault, a Class B felony.

### **Spokane County**

In August of 2010 the Department of Health revoked the certified nursing assistant credential of **Duane R. Abel** (NC10073372), who was convicted in Clark County Superior Court of two counts of first-degree rape of a child, Class A felonies.

In August of 2010 the Department of Health suspended for at least three years the registered nursing assistant credential of **Deana Rae Storseth** (NA60003626). While working for a home health care business, Storseth took one patient's credit card without permission, bought about \$260 worth of consumer goods for her own household, and tried to fill a second patient's prescription for oxycodone, a controlled substance, without permission.

In September of 2010 the Department of Health suspended for at least two years the registered nursing assistant and certified nursing assistant credentials of **Courtney A. Sevier** (NA60026390, NC60022959). Sevier failed to consult records to verify medication and treatment orders, failed to check a patient's blood pressure before administering medication, and later took the patient's blood pressure without documenting that she'd taken it late.

### **Thurston County**

In September of 2010 the Department of Health suspended for at least two years the certified nursing assistant credential of **Amber Lee Cotten** (NC10100052). Cotten took about \$30 from a patient at the assisted living facility where she worked.

In September of 2010 the Department of Health suspended for at least seven years the certified nursing assistant credential of **Norma L. Azurin** (NC10052846). Azurin was convicted in Thurston County Superior Court of four counts of first-degree theft, all Class B felonies, and one count of obtaining a signature by deception or duress, a Class C felony.

### **Yakima County**

In August of 2010 the Nursing Assistant Program entered into an agreed order with **Joan M. Lakey** (NC10036163) in which her certified nursing assistant credential is suspended for at least two years. Lakey took part in an altercation with a patient during which the patient was bruised.

In August of 2010 the Nursing Assistant Program indefinitely suspended the credential of registered nursing assistant **Deanna G. Harris** (NA60138868), who failed to comply with terms of an earlier agreement.

### **Out of State**

**Georgia:** In September of 2010 the Department of Health entered into an agreed order with emergency medical technician **Jerry L. Griffin Jr.** (ES01172943) in which his credential is revoked. Griffin was convicted in Lewis County Superior Court of third-degree child molestation and tampering with a witness, both Class C felonies.

**Idaho:** In September of 2010 the Board of Pharmacy summarily suspended the pharmacist credential of **Michael P. Gardner** (PH00010532) after the Idaho State Board of Pharmacy suspended his credential to practice in that state.

**Oregon:** In September of 2010 the Department of Health withdrew a statement of charges against radiologic technologist **Phil L. Borngraeber** (RT00006904).

**Virginia:** In August of 2010 the Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist Program entered into an agreed order with **James F. Jacobs** (LF00000856) under which his licensed marriage and family therapist credential is suspended for at least three years. On his application for credentials, Jacobs falsely answered a question about his criminal record.

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